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## Eddy Oliver Recreation Complex Unveils Exciting Upgrades Ahead of Summer Season

### *Village Celebrates Major Improvements at Recreation Center and Prepares for Future Enhancements*

The Eddy Oliver Recreation Complex has undergone a significant transformation over the winter and spring months, setting the stage for a vibrant and activity-filled summer season. Village leaders and the Board of Trustees have spearheaded a series of upgrades aimed at enhancing the experience for all residents.

The Recreation Center itself has received a full interior and exterior facelift, including fresh paint, a brand-new roof, and a durable epoxy-coated floor. Inside, visitors will notice a revamped workout area, the addition of a cozy lounge space complete with modern furniture and a new television, and—perhaps most notably—the installation of an HVAC system, making the facility climate-controlled for the first time in its history.

These renovations come on the heels of last summer’s successful construction of a multi-use court, which has already become a popular feature of the complex. Building on that momentum, the Board of Trustees approved the Recreation Center enhancements as part of a broader, long-term plan to improve Village amenities.

“We encourage all Villagers to stop by the Recreation Center and enjoy the new features,” said Kim Lane, Board President. “In addition to the remodeled center, residents can take advantage of the multi-use court, pool, shuffleboard court, and horseshoe pits.”



With summer just around the corner, the pool is also ready for action. New poolside furniture has been added, and necessary upgrades to the pool equipment have been completed. However, Village officials acknowledge that the aging pool—now over 40 years old—may need more than just periodic repairs.

“While we’ve done what we can for this season, we have to be realistic about the pool’s future,” stated Jonathan Henak, Board Treasurer. “Spending tens of thousands of dollars every few years on a temporary fix is not a sustainable approach. We are committed to exploring fiscally responsible options for either major repairs or full replacement.”

The Board plans to assess the long-term viability of the current pool and will begin examining various proposals for a replacement as well as additional improvements to the Recreation Complex. Once further information and cost estimates are available, these options will be presented to the community for feedback.

As Lost Bridge Village gears up for another lively summer, the improvements to its beloved Recreation Complex underscore a renewed commitment to community, sustainability, and future-focused planning.

## New Board of Trustees Announced at Village Annual Meeting

### *Unexpected Tie Leads to Resignation and Expanded Leadership for 2025*

The results of the recent Board of Trustees election were revealed at the Lost Bridge Village Annual Meeting in March, bringing a fresh wave of leadership and a unique turn of events to the community's governance.

Craig Kelley, Jonathan Henak, and Thomas Capps were the top three vote-getters in the election. However, the fourth open board position resulted in a rare tie between candidates Melissa Isham and Pete Lawlor. In an unexpected but generous move, Thomas Capps chose to step down from his elected position, allowing both Melissa and Pete to join the board and fill the remaining open seats.

With the full board now seated, the 2025 Board of Trustees is as follows:

- Kim Lane – President – TA Responsibilities: Legal, Insurance, Capital Improvements
- Kati Hofstra – Vice President – TA Responsibilities: Office, Digital Media, Social Planning
- Melissa Isham – Secretary – TA Responsibilities: Pool & Recreation Center, Landing Strip
- Jonathan Henak – Treasurer – TA Responsibilities: Accounting & Financial Systems
- Craig Kelley – TA Responsibilities: Roads & Maintenance, Civic Relations, ACC Liaison
- Jason Bailey – TA Responsibilities: Covenant Compliance
- Pete Lawlor – TA Responsibilities: Elections, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center

The new board represents a diverse range of experience and dedication, with each trustee assuming specific TA (Trustee Assignment) responsibilities to support the continued improvement and oversight of Village services and infrastructure.

Residents are encouraged to engage with board members, attend meetings, and participate in the governance process as the community moves forward with its priorities for 2025 and beyond.

## Village Cookout to Kick Off Summer at Eddy Oliver Recreation Complex

### *Join Fellow Villagers for Food, Music, Games, and the First Dip of the Season on May 22nd*

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate the unofficial start of summer! The community is invited to an evening of fun, food, and festivities at the Eddy Oliver Recreation Complex on Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m., located at 11636 Dogwood Drive.

This year's event includes something extra special—the official opening of the pool for the 2025 season! The pool will be open during the event, offering the perfect opportunity to take a refreshing dip while enjoying the celebration.

The evening will feature a festive cookout hosted by Don Overstreet and John Buhr, serving up Don's famous hot dogs and John's delicious "Buhr'gers." Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish or beverage to share.

In addition to great food, residents can enjoy live music by Mike & Marty, setting the tone for a lively and social evening. Classic games such as horseshoes, pickleball, cornhole, and shuffleboard will also be available for all to enjoy.

Whether you're reconnecting with longtime neighbors or welcoming new faces to the community, this event is a perfect way to kick off the summer season. All residents are welcome—don't miss it!

## Landing Strip Crack Repair a Success

### *Volunteers Come Together to Support Safe Landings and Community Aviation*

A successful Landing Strip Crack Repair Party took place on April 12th, coordinated by Steve Bray. Volunteers came together to fill cracks along the runway, helping to extend the life of the airstrip and ensure safe landings for aircraft.

In addition to the repair work, trees along the landing strip have also been trimmed to improve visibility and create a safer approach path for pilots.

Special thanks to Steve and all the volunteers who contributed their time and effort. Your work keeps our landing strip safe and our community connected!



## Lost Bridge Village Continues Commitment to Highway Cleanliness Through Adopt-A-Highway Program

### *Local Volunteers Keep Scenic Stretch Between Garfield and the Village Clean and Beautiful*

Lost Bridge Village continues to show its commitment to community and environmental stewardship as a proud sponsor of the Arkansas Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. Since officially joining the program in 2014, Village volunteers have dedicated themselves to keeping the stretch of highway between Garfield and Lost Bridge Village clean and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

The program was initially organized by Patti French, whose leadership helped lay the foundation for its long-running success. To-day, coordination efforts have been taken up by Kate O'Donnell, who continues to carry the mission forward with dedication and enthusiasm.

The most recent cleanup event took place on March 17th, with a group of dedicated volunteers known as the 127 Clean Up Crew. The community extends a heartfelt thank you to the following individuals for their time and service:



- Jerry & Marianne Retallick
- Bruce & Mary Bakke
- Terry & Debra Brock
- Phil & Judy Williamson
- Gale & Shirley Harder
- Don Boothe
- Joe Zagut
- Tim Klippert & Kate O'Donnell



Their efforts not only help preserve the natural beauty of the area but also reflect the strong sense of community pride that defines Lost Bridge Village.

Residents interested in joining future cleanup events are encouraged to reach out and become part of this ongoing effort to keep our roads—and our Village—looking their best.

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*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew*

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## Dumpster Day a Success, Supporting Community Clean-Up Efforts

### *Annual Event Highlights Residents' Commitment to Neighborhood Pride and Beautification*

The annual Dumpster Day held on May 3rd once again proved to be a resounding success, reinforcing the community's strong commitment to cleanliness, beautification, and shared responsibility.

Organized for the benefit of all residents, Dumpster Day gave Villagers the opportunity to dispose of bulky or difficult-to-remove items that don't typically fit into regular household waste services. This year, three large trash dumpsters and one dedicated metal bin were completely filled, a clear indication of the widespread participation and community effort involved.

Such initiatives play a key role in maintaining the scenic charm and environmental health of Lost Bridge Village, while also encouraging a sense of pride among property owners and residents. The event helps prevent illegal dumping and promotes a cleaner, more appealing neighborhood for everyone.

Special recognition goes to Phil Williamson for his leadership in coordinating the event, as well as to the many volunteers whose time and energy made the day run smoothly. Their efforts ensured the logistics were handled efficiently, and all materials were properly collected and sorted.

As Lost Bridge Village continues to grow and evolve, events like Dumpster Day serve as powerful reminders of what can be accomplished when neighbors work together for the common good.



### All Community Info is Available Online

For all the latest community updates, board and committee meetings, and any upcoming events, please visit our website. This is the go-to portal for everything going on in the Village. Check out the community calendar for more details, as well as the online meeting link for all public meetings.

[LBVCA Community Calendar](#)

### Considering Building or Remodeling in LBV?

Whether you're contemplating a new construction, an extension, or the replacement, expansion, or enhancement off an existing structure, the ACC is your initial step in bringing your project to fruition.

The Architectural Control Committee exists to champion your cause, providing guidance and assistance throughout the process.

All it takes to get started is to contact the LBVCA Office to secure a spot on the agenda for one of our upcoming meetings. [office@lbvca.com](mailto:office@lbvca.com)

### Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees

Kim Lane: President  
Kati Hofstra: Vice-President  
Melissa Isham: Secretary  
Jonathan Henak: Treasurer  
Jason Bailey  
Craig Kelley  
Pete Lawlor

## Village Rock Walls Repaired and Refurbished After Storm Damage and Age Wear

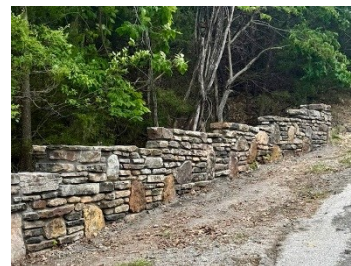
### Improvements Enhance Appearance and Safety Across Key Community Areas

In an ongoing effort to maintain and enhance the beauty of the community, several rock walls throughout Lost Bridge Village have recently undergone repairs and refurbishments.

One of the most significant repairs took place on the Dogwood Drive switchback, where a rock wall was damaged during a severe winter storm earlier this year. The structure has now been fully restored, reinforcing both its appearance and stability.

Another area affected by weather was the Village entrance on the west end of Posy Mountain Ranch, which sustained damage during last year's Memorial Day weekend storm. Repairs to the entrance wall have now been completed, ensuring the gateway to the community once again reflects the welcoming character of Lost Bridge Village.

In addition to storm-related damage, the rock wall surrounding the Recreation Center courtyard was refurbished. Over time, several stones had loosened and fallen due to age and wear. The recent restoration has given this central community space a fresh, clean look.



Residents are encouraged to take a leisurely drive through the Village to view the completed work. These improvements reflect the Village's ongoing commitment to maintaining the charm and quality of its shared spaces.

"These repairs not only restore our infrastructure but also help preserve the aesthetic character of Lost Bridge Village," said Craig Kelley, Roads & Maintenance TA. "It's all part of our mission to take care of what makes our community special."

*"Summertime is always the best of what might be." – Charles Bowden*

## Summer 5th Saturday Fly-In Breakfasts Take Off at Lost Bridge Village Airstrip

### Aviation Enthusiasts and Community Members Invited to Kick Off the Season on May 31st

Clear your calendars and fuel your appetite for Lost Bridge Village's Summer 5th Saturday Fly-In Breakfasts! The first event of the season will take place on Saturday, May 31st, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lost Bridge Village Airstrip, located at 12095 East Airport Drive.

Hosted by the Lost Bridge Village Aviation Group, these special breakfasts will be held every fifth Saturday this summer and are open to all residents, aviation enthusiasts, and visitors. It's a unique opportunity to watch aircraft fly in, meet pilots, and enjoy a hearty morning meal with friends and neighbors against the scenic backdrop of the Village.



These events are a great way to bring together our aviation community and local residents in a fun and relaxed setting. It's also a great chance to showcase our beautiful airstrip and the role it plays in our community.

Donations are encouraged to support the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the 40AR airstrip, which serves as a valuable asset to Lost Bridge Village.

Whether you're a pilot, a plane enthusiast, or just looking for a friendly place to enjoy breakfast, the Fly-In Breakfast is the perfect way to start your weekend. Come hungry, bring a friend, and help support this unique part of our community!





## Community Updates

### Village Pool Opens May 22nd —Summer Fun Begins!

*Weekly Thursday Meetups Return for Another Season of Community Connection*

Summer is almost here, and the Lost Bridge Village pool is ready to welcome residents back for another season of sun, fun, and community!

The official pool opening is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at noon, marking the unofficial start of summer in the Village. Throughout the season, the pool will operate on the following schedule:

- Monday, Wednesday through Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays

In addition to regular pool hours, residents can look forward to the return of the popular Thursday evening Village meetups, starting every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. These informal gatherings proved to be a hit last summer, offering a great way for neighbors to socialize, relax, and build community.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite beverage and enjoy a casual "happy hour" atmosphere while catching up with friends or making new ones poolside.

With warmer days ahead, the pool promises to be a hub of activity, connection, and cool relief all summer long. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen—summer in Lost Bridge Village officially begins May 22!



### New Markings Enhance Lost Bridge Village Airstrip for Pilots and Walkers Alike

*Runway Improvements Add Functionality and Fun for All Users*



Whether you're touching down in a small aircraft or simply enjoying a scenic walk, there's now a new way to track your progress at the Lost Bridge Village landing strip.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Steve Bray, the airstrip has received a fresh set of runway enhancements that benefit both pilots and pedestrians. For aviators, newly painted runway numbers, centerline markings, and tiedown indicators now offer improved visibility and guidance during takeoff and landing.

These updates align with best practices for small community airstrips, contributing to both safety and convenience.

But pilots aren't the only ones who benefit. For those who enjoy walking the landing strip, tenth-of-a-mile markers have been added along the route—making it easier to track distance and fitness goals while enjoying the natural surroundings.

The Village extends its sincere thanks to Steve Bray for his time, effort, and commitment to enhancing this valuable shared resource.

Whether by air or on foot, community members now have a better way to experience and enjoy the landing strip—mile by mile, or marker by marker.

### Villager Spotlight Submission

The Villager Spotlight program is designed to celebrate residents that have dedicated numerous hours to the betterment of our Village, acts of kindness among neighbors, or interesting stories to tell. We invite you to submit your nominations to acknowledge those deserving recognition.

Please send us an email with your recommendations for our next Villager Spotlight article.

[VillageNews@LBVCA.com](mailto:VillageNews@LBVCA.com)

### Upcoming Village Events

#### Kickoff to Summer Cookout:

- Thursday, March 22nd:
- ◇ 5:30 pm: Eddy Oliver Memorial Recreation Center: 11636 Dogwood Drive

#### 40AR Fifth Saturday Fly-In Breakfast

- Saturday, May 31st:
- ◇ LBV Airstrip: 8 am— 11:30 am

#### Independence Day Celebration :

- Saturday, July 5th:
- ◇ 4:30 pm: Parade (Begins at Maintenance Shop and ends at Eddy Oliver Memorial Recreation Center: 11636 Dogwood Drive)
- ◇ 6 pm: Cookout, live music, and games for the kids at the Rec Center.
- ◇ Dusk (approx. 9 pm): The best fireworks show on Beaver Lake.

### Glade Community Historical Society

#### Board Meeting:

- The Second Friday of each Month at 10 am. Visitors are welcome to attend.

[www.gladehistory.org](http://www.gladehistory.org)



## Common Q&A

### Can I burn on my property?

If you're considering burning yard waste on your own property, it's essential to obtain a burn permit in advance from Benton County. Failing to do so and having a fire truck dispatched due to reported smoke on your property can result in charges for the fire service call. To secure your burn permit, please contact Benton County at (479) 273-5530. Please note that burning construction materials is strictly prohibited. Always ensure that fires are not left unattended.

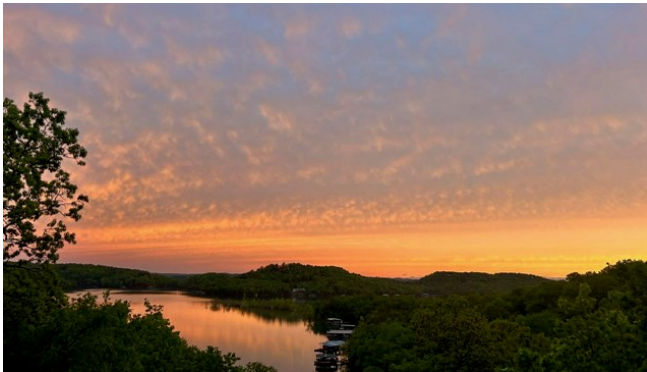
### What are some ways to be a considerate neighbor while taking care of my property?

When it comes to maintaining your property, we kindly ask that you be a responsible neighbor. Clear leaves and tree debris from your ditches and culverts to prevent water runoff issues. You can either burn them or arrange for proper disposal. If you hire someone to manage yard waste, please instruct them not to push it into ditches, culverts, or streets. Property owners can transport these materials to the Village collection site on Arabian Drive. A clean-up fee may apply if the Lost Bridge maintenance team needs to clear your ditches.

### A dead animal is on my property, what do I do?

For reporting injured or deceased animals, such as deer or raccoons, located on state roads or roadsides, please contact the Arkansas Game & Fish Department at (866) 253-2506. Provide them with the street address where the animal is situated. If you discover deceased animals or parts on your property left behind by hunters or coyotes, it is permissible to bury them but not burn them, in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality guidelines. If you have questions, contact Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at (888) 233-0326.

Please be aware that the Benton County doesn't have a program for the collection of deceased animals.



### Where can I get updates on weather related road conditions?

Motorists seeking information on weather-related road conditions can access it through the Arkansas State Highway Department via their website: [www.iDriveArkansas.com](http://www.iDriveArkansas.com)

### Why are street signs throughout Lost Bridge Village different colors?

Regarding village roads, please note that roads with green and blue street signs fall under county jurisdiction. If your road has potholes or ruts that require attention, you can directly contact Benton County Roads at (479) 271-1052 for repairs, or submit a repair request via their [online portal](#). There's no need to contact the Village Office or wait for a board meeting to report road issues.

### Is there a general speed limit within the Lost Bridge Village community?

It's essential to adhere to the speed limits, which typically range from 20 to 25mph throughout the Village. The Benton County Sheriff's department enforces these speed limits. Please be aware that there is no on-street parking permitted within the Village.

## Lost Bridge Village Website

To stay updated on all the latest news, events, and important community updates, be sure to visit our website regularly. On our website, you'll find:

**Community Calendar:** Keep track of upcoming events, meetings, and gatherings.

**News and Announcements:** Stay in the loop with the latest happenings.

**Community Resources:** Access to important documents, guidelines, and helpful information.

Visit [www.lbvca.com](http://www.lbvca.com) to explore all that Lost Bridge Village has to offer. Your online community hub is just a click away!

## Lost Bridge Village Gazebo Gazette

This publication is released bi-monthly to report community news to all Villagers. We strive to include information regarding current events, social happenings, and interesting articles highlighting Village property owners.

We always welcome and appreciate feedback as well as suggestions for future issues.

Editor: Tyson Ashcraft

Please send us an email: [VillageNews@LBVCA.com](mailto:VillageNews@LBVCA.com)

## Update Your Contact Info

Property owner information is currently being updated for all Lost Bridge Village accounts and invoicing. Please contact the office at [office@LBVCA.com](mailto:office@LBVCA.com) to update your contact info to ensure you receive all future billing communications.

